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Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, it is requested that the following references, which are also listed on the attached Form PTO-1449, be made of record in the above-identified case.

1. Japanese Patent Publication No. 55-173307, dated December 12, 1980;
2. Japanese Patent Publication No. 61-18885, dated June 7, 1986;
3. Japanese Patent Publication No. 2000-197643, dated July 18, 2000;

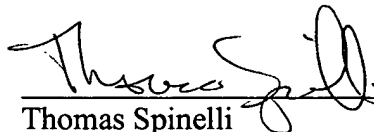
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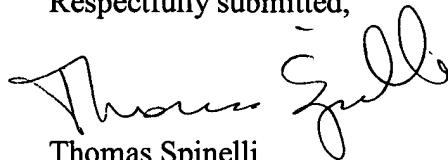
4. United States Patent No. 4,256,113, dated March 17, 1981, issued to Chamness;
5. United States Patent No. 5,066,295, dated November 19, 1991, issued to Kozak et al.; and
6. United States Patent No. 5,769,880, dated June 23, 1998, issued to Truckai et al.

Applicant is submitting copies of the above-cited reference nos. 1-3. The relevance of the above-identified references has been described in the specification.

In accordance with the waiver of 37 C.F.R. § 1.98 (a)(2)(i), per 1276 OG 55, August 5, 2003, applicants are not required to submit copies of the above-cited U.S. Patent references.

Inasmuch as this Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted in accordance with the schedule set out in 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b), no statement or fee is required.

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							YES NO
		55-173307	12/12/80	Japan			
		61-18885	6/7/86	Japan			
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